

**Dear Teachers and Staff,**

May 30 and 31 a fabulous group of students will be putting on an original musical, High School As We Know It in the auditorium at 7pm. You can purchase tickets from participating students prior to the production or at the door. The show runs approximately 1 ½ hours with a brief intermission.

**ABOUT THE SHOW:**

High School As We Know It is an original musical conceived and written by students at Flushing High School. The ensemble cast takes you on a journey through the lives of twelve teens trying to find their place in life. In between the laughs, the cast tackles issues of drinking, teen pregnancy, bullying, and relationships.

**Please encourage your students to attend the production. We hope to see you there!**

**-Ms. Lindsay Shields and The Cast and Crew of High School As We Know It-**

**Possible post-show extra credit questions:**

1. With which character's story did you identify the most? How are you both similar and different to that character?
2. Out of all the issues that the play illuminates, what do you think is the biggest pressure teens face today? Provide examples.
3. Two characters in the play get into a major verbal fight before they reach a resolution. When, if ever, is fighting necessary? Defend your answer.
4. Respect is an underlying theme of this play. In your opinion, what does it mean to respect someone? How do you show respect? How do you earn respect?
5. Several characters are surprised when another character reveals a "new side". Write about a time when you were surprised to discover a different side of someone you thought you knew or had a strong opinion about (good or bad). What made you change your mind?
6. Friends influence many characters' actions in the play. Write about a time when you were influenced by one of your friends. Did you follow their advice or succumb to their pressure? Why or why not? If confronted with the same situation today, would you make the same decision? Why or why not?